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SUBJECT:AMERICAN MENTIONED IN KIM DAE-JUNG TRIAL
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1. PROFESSOR EDWARD BAKER OF HARVARD HAS CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT TO SAY THAT HE FEELS CERTAIN THAT HE IS THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN THE KIM DAE-JUNG TRIAL. BAKER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE DETAILS OF THAT PORTION OF THE INDICTMENT WHICH MENTIONS HIM, AS WELL AS THE DETAILS OF KIM DAE-JUNG'S REFERENCE TO HIM DURING TRIAL TESTIMONY.

2. BAKER UNDERSTANDS THE INDICTMENT TO REFER TO AN ALLEGED TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO KIM IN MAY 1980 AND HE ASSERTS THAT HE CAN PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS NOT IN KOREA AT THAT TIME. HE STATES THAT HIS MOTIVATION IN SEEKING GREATER DETAIL IS BOTH TO CLEAR HIS OWN NAME AND TO "PROVE" THAT THE TRIAL AGAINST KIM IS UNTRUTHFUL.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE PUBLICITY IN BOTH AMERICAN AND KOREAN PRESS REGARDING BAKER IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIAL, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING CONTEXT OF HIS MENTION BOTH IN THE INDICTMENT AND IN THE TRIAL TESTIMONY. THIS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO BAKER.

4. SINCE BAKER ALSO STATES THAT IF KIM DID CONFIRM AN ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS THEN IT MUST BE BECAUSE HE WAS "CONFUSED" OR "COERCED;" WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON APPARENT FREENESS AND ALERTNESS WITH WHICH KIM TESTIFIED. CHRISTOPHER
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